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DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.59

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 1.59(b), filed on 23 December 2008, to expunge information submitted pursuant to MPEP § 724.05.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner requests that the information submitted on 15 January 2008 be expunged from the record if found not to be important to a reasonable examiner in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent and no further fee is required based on previous decision on petition dated January 27, 2008.

The test for expunging material is whether or not the information is material to the patentability of the claims. A review of the material has found that the material is not material to the patentability of the claims. Therefore, the petition is granted. Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application.

The expunge material has been destroyed, the artifact folder closed and therefore the material will not be returned.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3612.

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